(c) Government continuously monitor threats to India's security and territorial integrity and take appropriate steps to deal with them.

(d) and (e) Government have been apprising the international community about Pakistan's continued support and sponsorship of cross border terrorism directed against India, and its being an epicentre of international terrorism. Many countries have repeatedly called upon Pakistan to put an end to cross border terrorism and infiltration; to dismantle the infrastructure of support to terrorism; and to stop acting as a platform for international terrorism.

Talks between India and Canada

1008. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently India and Canada have decided to formalize Ministerial level talks on a yearly basis;

(b) if so, what are the areas of cooperation;

(c) whether Canada has announced any financial grant in the educational and health sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) During the visit of Canadian Prime Minister Mr. Jean Chretien to India in October 2003, India and Canada decided to formalize their Foreign Minister-level dialogue, which will now take place annually. The dialogue will include cooperative activities in bilateral and multilateral areas of mutual interest.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Foreign direct investment in Iraq

1009. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iraq is seeking foreign direct investment